GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PRICES OF STENT
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices for stent required for heart-surgery of patients is overcharged from them;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the same stent is comparatively very cheap under the Government hearth schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for multiple selling price of the stent in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (d) :There are 22 notified medical devices regulated as `Drugs` under Drugs & Cosmetics Act, including cardiac stent and drug Â©luting stent required for heart surgery of patients Under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013). cardiac stents fall under non-scheduled category and no price has been fixed for these cardiac stents notified as drugs under Drugs and Cosmetics Act. However, DPCO, 2013 provides for monitoring the prices of non scheduled formulations, to ensure that no manufacturer / importer / distributor is allowed to increase the MRP of a non scheduled drug by more than ten percent of MRP during preceding twelve months and where the increase is beyond ten percent, it shall reduce the same to the level of ten percent of maximum retail price for next twelve months. The manufacturers / importers / distributors shall be liable to deposit the overcharged amount along with interest thereon, form the date of increase in price in addition to the penalty.

As per available information, the year-on-year increase in MRP has not exceededthe upper limit of 10% allowed under DPCO, 2013. In some cases the MRP has been reduced whereas in others it has been kept constant Some companies are supplying to Government agencies at discounted rate.